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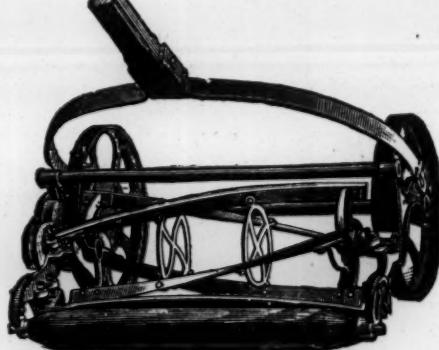
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EDITORIAL.

FEBRUARY in the South is a month of singing birds and swelling buds. Nature is beginning again to show the pulsing life which heralds the coming of the spring. If we look carefully into all the phenomena of nature we will discover a wonderful system of give and take, of accepting and returning in the development of the plan of the universe. The great power of construction necessary in this plan comes in a large measure through the willingness and ability of each minute part to render service for the good of the whole, and so we find the principle of reciprocity one of the fundamental laws of the universe.

So in the club universe we may expect it to be a foundation stone of success.

The Keystone for the past six years has urged upon the clubwomen of the South each February, to set aside one meeting in this month as a day devoted to the consideration of reciprocity in all its aspects of organization life. The subject can have an appeal to the individual clubwoman in her personal development as well as to the club, the state federations and the general federation.

Reciprocity is not only an exchange of club papers, club year books and club members, it is also the cultivation of those moral forces which must be developed to meet the problems which come up in the routine of club life. Club ethics are all based on reciprocity; on the desire to build up a dignified and reliable instrument, the woman's club, for the benefit and use of the community. Individuality, rightly applied to the needs of the club or the community, is a necessary part of reciprocity, while self-repression, self-sacrifice, if need be, gratitude, sympathy, patience, perseverance, courtesy and courage, all have their parts to play in reciprocity, and especially in the reciprocity of the woman's club. The word reciprocity trips merrily from the clubwoman's tongue; she recognizes it as a useful department of the club's program. If she will look behind the mere word to the ideal which it represents, she will realize that it is the higher ideal of civilization, and its spiritual appeal, if heeded, would strike deep into the very roots of her social and community life. Then let each Reciprocity Day in a club's calendar be a white stone on the road towards the ideal.

SOUTHERN women's interest in higher education is well evinced in their contributions to the English Scholarship established by the General Federation of Women's Clubs, a report of which is found in this issue of *The Keystone* in the General Federation's column. Twenty states and two individuals gave \$2,121 to this scholarship. Of these twenty states seven were Southern states, as follows: Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Texas, contributing a total of \$563; of the two individuals contributing, one was a Texas woman, which raises the South's contributions to this fund

to \$663. There were six candidates for the examinations; Alabama was the only Southern State that presented a candidate, although their federation did not contribute to the fund. It is gratifying to note that the South contributed so fair a share to the fund, and that she was also able to send up a candidate.

THE women of Virginia are interested in a bill to establish at the University of Virginia "a college for women coordinate with the university, but not co-educational," and they claim that although Virginia "supports a university and three colleges for men, it does not offer its women the opportunity of obtaining an education of college grade at any State school."

In the issue of *The Keystone*, in the departments of both the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs, page —, and the Daughters of the Confederacy, page —, this matter is favorably commented upon.

Since State universities receive State support, they generally offer equal educational opportunities to women as well as men students, and it is to be hoped that the women of the Old Dominion may secure the educational opportunities for which they are asking at the hands of their State legislature.

A BUSES in State institutions, such as jails, insane asylums, orphan houses, alms houses and rescue homes may be partially avoided by the institution of civil service reform laws in a State. Women not interested in the formidable title, "Civil Service Reform," would take a new interest in the subject if they realized that it stands for prevention of cruelty and injustice to weak, dependent, deficient and helpless men, women and children in the care of the State. Thinking and self-respecting citizens of a community should be familiar with the conditions in the charitable and penal institutions of their community. This responsibility cannot be entirely depated to boards of managers and paid superintendents. The citizen himself should know what his agents and representatives on these boards are doing.

Collier's, the national weekly, is one of the most helpful and suggestive of weekly journals. "The Southern Number," January 22d, has a collection of timely articles on the South; "Virginia Today," by John S. Bryan, of the Richmond (Va.) *Times-Dispatch*; "Looking Forward," by Governor Ansel of South Carolina; "Know the South" (recasting old ideas), by W. E. Gonzales, of the Columbia (S. C.) *State*; and "What the Canal Will Mean" (an opportunity for the South), by B. N. Baker. The January 29th number presents the woman question in two thoughtful and earnest articles: "The Meaning of the New Woman," her sincere attempt to find herself in present-day conditions, by Edwin Bjorkman, and "Maternity and the Woman Intellectual," by M. M. Tuttle.

I ENCLOSE \$1.10 for renewal of my subscription to the *Veteran* and *The Keystone*. I really look forward each month to the arrival of my *Keystone* in the same way as I do to an afternoon chat with a very dear friend.

(Mrs. F. G.) CORDELIA POWELL ODEMEYER,
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Charlotte, N. C.

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For the State Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina, Mississippi, North Carolina, Florida and Virginia.
(This Department is official, and will be continued monthly.)

SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications for South Carolina to Mrs. E. F. Bell, Blacksburg, S. C., Corresponding Secretary, S. C. F. W., Manager.

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(70 Clubs—5,300 Members.)

THE Executive Board of the South Carolina Federation met in Columbia January 11th, with the following members present: Mrs. Burney, president; Mrs. Booth, 2d vice-president, entertained by Mrs. W. D. Simpson; Mrs. Lynch, recording secretary, entertained by Mrs. August Kohn; and Mrs. Levi, treasurer, entertained by Mrs. Owings. Mrs. Visanska, president of the Charleston City Federation, was invited to meet with the board to confer in regard to plans for the State Federation meeting in Charleston. Mrs. Visanska attended the meeting, and was entertained by Mrs. L. D. Childs.

The convention will meet in Charleston April 5-8, opening formally Wednesday morning. The Charleston City Federation has already secured the German Artillery Hall, one of the largest and most popular halls in the city, and has arranged to serve a substantial lunch in this hall each day during the convention. The president of the General Federation, Mrs. Philip Moore, has been invited to make a formal address at the convention, and it is hoped that she may accept. The chairmen of standing committees and club presidents will make reports during Wednesday and Thursday, and Wednesday evening will be given up to the literary musical session, in charge of the chairman of literature and the chairman of music.

There are 500 active clubwomen in the Charleston City Federation, and they are looking forward with great pleasure to entertaining the South Carolina Federation, as it has been ten years since they welcomed the Federation to Charleston. Among the entertainments planned for the visiting clubwomen will be a reception by the Rebecca Motte Chapter, D. A. R., in their beautiful chapter room, on Wednesday afternoon 5-7; a large evening reception in the Commercial Club, Thursday, 9-11 p. m., and an excursion to Magnolia Gardens Friday morning, 10-3.

COMMITTEE ON HOMES. Mrs. G. E. Gibbon is the chairman of the Hospitality Committee, and all clubs are requested to elect their delegates as soon as possible, and to send the names to Mrs. G. E. Gibbon, 97 Rutledge Ave., so that her committee can arrange for their entertainment while in Charleston. The Charleston City Federation will entertain in private homes all State officers, State chairmen of departments, and all delegates, and will extend social courtesies to all alternates and visiting clubwomen.

THE FOLLOWING NEW CLUBS were admitted to the South Carolina Federation: Charleston Section Council of Jewish

Women; Civic League, Port Royal; Review Book Club, Columbia; Afternoon Music Club, Columbia.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE decided to cancel the badge obligation by portioning out the badges to the various clubs, taxing each club 5 cents per member, and giving each club the number of badges its per capita tax entitles it to, at the rate of \$1.00 per badge. This seemed the wisest way to arrange this problem, and all clubs have been notified by the corresponding secretary to send this tax at once to the custodian of the badges, Mrs. G. E. Gibbon, 97 Rutledge Ave., Charleston, who will immediately send the badges.

THE CHAIRMAN on Revision of the Constitution, Mrs. P. H. Freeman, Blacksburg, urges all clubwomen who wish to present amendments to the Constitution to send them to her at once, as the proposed amendments must be sent out with the call of the convention, thirty days before the Charleston Convention.

MRS. ED. G. SEIBELS, Columbia, was appointed chairman of Sub-committee on Waterways.

THE FOLLOWING DELEGATES WERE appointed for the Cincinnati Biennial: Mrs. W. B. Burney, Mrs. A. F. McKissick, Mrs. E. F. Bell, Mrs. G. E. Gibbon, and the new president. Alternates: Mrs. H. P. Lynch, Miss Theodosia Dargan, Mrs. B. C. Haynes, Mrs. C. C. Featherstone. The new State corresponding secretary will go as a delegate to the Biennial, *ex officio*, as the General Federation secretary; and Miss Louisa Poppenheim will also go, *ex officio*, as a member of the board of directors of the General Federation.

IT WAS VERY much regretted that the capable corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. F. Bell, was prevented from attending the Columbia board meeting on account of illness, but she is quite recovered now, and is busy with convention correspondence.

THE DEPARTMENTS OF DOMESTIC SCIENCE is unable to bring personally to each club the great and crying need of this work. The Federation cannot appropriate any amount to aid in carrying it out in the systematic manner necessary, having to rely entirely on correspondence with the clubs, a most unsatisfactory means. The chairman is, through *The Keystone*, again appealing to the clubwomen to organize Domestic Science Clubs in their respective towns. The committee is sending out a program that such a club might find interesting, and thus saving them the trouble of making out a program along those lines. The Library of Home Economics will give information of varied scope, and the chairman is prepared to give information to any who will apply.

Let me appeal to our women not to regard this branch of Federation work as of only passing value; it is the foundation of home health and comfort, and last, but not least, of great moral value.

H. E. GRIMBAIL,
Chairman Domestic Science.

SUNSHINE DAY in South Carolina will be February 24th. All interested in this work, "To do all the good we can to

everybody we can, in all the ways we can," should join in the Stamp Shower to be given the State leader, Miss Mary Shelor, Westminster, S. C., on this day.

To THE CLUBS OF SOUTH CAROLINA: *Read this at your next meeting and send some reply or acknowledgment to the chairman, so that your club may be recorded as cooperating with the department:* The Reciprocity Department of the South Carolina Federation has been in active operation for six years, and according to precedent February is the month for the special observance of this kind of Federation work. The literary session at the Charleston Convention, Wednesday evening, April 6th, will be in charge of this department, and every club is requested to send one paper to the chairman by *March 5th* to compete for a place on this program. Two selected papers from those submitted will make the program for this literary session. No specific subject has been assigned by the committee, with the idea that each club may send its best paper, irrespective of subject. The paper must not exceed fifteen minutes in reading. All papers received will be acknowledged in *The Keystone*, filed in the bureau, and will be kept for exchange among clubs to be used in Reciprocity Day celebrations.

The Interstate Literary Contest. The Literary Committee of the General Federation requests each State chairman of Literature and Reciprocity to submit two papers from her State. The South Carolina chairman asks for a general response to the *South Carolina Contest*, so that she may have a large number to select from in presenting South Carolina's two papers to the General Federation Literature Committee.

Year Books. Every club is requested to continue to send the bureau two year books as soon as printed. All year books and papers will be acknowledged in the reciprocity column of *The Keystone*. No Program Committee should attempt to prepare a program or print a year book without consulting some recent year book; culling a good point from three or four of these books will improve any year book. In printing programs clubs are recommended to always print on the outside name of subject, club, town and State. This facilitates filing and makes the programs more useful.

Individual clubs may secure from the bureau papers and programs on all subjects and departments of federation work. Last year 71 appeals were answered with 135 year books and papers. Ten cents, in stamps, should always be sent with request for papers or programs to defray costs of postage.

Every club is urged to appoint a *Reciprocity Committee*, whose duty shall be to send the bureau two copies of year books as soon as printed, one selected club paper, and any newspaper and magazine clippings bearing on federation work, to increase the usefulness of this State department and to develop the reciprocity idea. This club committee should also read to their clubs, in open session, the South Carolina column each month as it appears in *The Keystone*. *Reciprocity Day* should be celebrated every year; the department recommends a day in February to secure uniformity among clubs. The chairman will furnish plans for such celebration, and will give information on all federation work.

A Convention Exhibit. This department will have on exhibit programs and year books during the Charleston Convention, so that delegates who have never used the bureau may see some of its belongings. The committee will also select for honorable mention the *best year book* sent to this department, presenting it to the convention as a model. Through the conscientious work of one of the members, Mrs. G. E. Gibbon, this department will have ready for the convention a card catalogue of all papers, year books and mounted newspaper clippings in the bureau, as Mrs. Gibbon is now making a complete file of the contents of the bureau.

All clubs are urged to read, in *open session*, every marked copy of *The Keystone*, as it always brings some special message from one of the State departments.

And now, I earnestly appeal to every club to send me some word, so that I may report to the convention that every club has answered my appeal.

LOUISA B. POPPENHEIM, Chairman.

Committee: Mrs. G. E. Gibbon, Charleston; Mrs. John Russell, Greenville.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERATION year books have been distributed, and every clubwoman should read one, from beginning to end, so as to be in touch with the real work of the Federation. In spite of the trials with printers, Mrs. Lynch, the recording secretary, presents a neat, attractive year book; and while only 65 clubs appear, these are all *bona fide* clubs, and the information is up-to-date and authentic.

IN RESPONSE TO THE invitation of the South Carolina Child Labor Committee a number of the manufacturers of the State met a part of the committee in Columbia, January 18th, for a conference on cooperation. Interesting and able discussions were contributed by Mr. John A. Law, of Spartanburg; Bishop Wm. E. Guerry, Rev. C. E. Weltner, Mrs. R. Gibbes, A. T. Jamison, W. E. Gonzales, W. E. Beattie, Piedmont Mfg. Co.; J. D. Hammert, Chiquola Mfg. Co.; Allen Jones, Saxe-Gotha Mills; A. H. Twitchell, Clifton Mfg. Co.; and C. C. Twitty, Hartsville Cotton Mill. The resolutions of the committee were declared by the manufacturers present to be in accord with their own wishes. The resolutions enacted by the committee are:

"Resolved, That the committee prepare a bill requiring that no child under twelve may be employed either regularly or as a helper in any factory, workshop or mine of this State."

"Resolved, That the committee prepare a Bill requiring a working age limit of twelve years and compulsory education for all children to correspond, to take effect in 1911; a working age limit of thirteen years and compulsory education to correspond, to take effect in 1912; and a working age limit of 14 years and compulsory education to correspond, to take effect in 1913."

"Resolved, That the committee prepare a bill requiring the registration of marriages and births in this State."

The committee consists of Wm. H. Hand, Columbia, chairman; Miss Caroline E. Boone, Columbia, agent of National Child Labor Committee, secretary; Dr. George B. Cromer, Dr. J. H. Harms, W. H. Wallace, Newberry; Dr. O. Y. Owings, Dr. C. E. Weltner, Columbia; Dr. Henry Snyder, Dr. D. D. Wallace, Spartanburg; Bishop Wm. E. Guerry, Miss Louisa B. Poppenheim, Charleston; Porter C. Munn, Greenville, and others are being enrolled. Simi-

lar committees are in existence in many States, and it is hoped that the committee in South Carolina, with the co-operation of the manufacturers of the South, may bring about ideal legislation for the children of South Carolina.

MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications for Mississippi to Mrs. W. McCason, 116 De Soto Street, Clarksdale, Miss.

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 56 Clubs—1,000 Members.

A NEW member of the Federation is the Woman's Club of Hattiesburg, Miss. This club was organized on October 30, 1909, with 14 charter members. The officers are: President, Mrs. W. L. Fulton; 1st vice president, Mrs. P. A. Carter; 2d vice-president, Mrs. Chas. Hayes; recording secretary, Mrs. W. S. F. Tatum; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Morgan Stevens; treasurer, Mrs. Leo Martin; reporter, Mrs. S. L. Heidleberg. At a subsequent meeting this club decided to take up the Bay View course of study on Italy and Greece. Its primary purpose is for social and literary entertainment, but it will take part in such civic or philanthropic work as may be deemed expedient by its members. The meetings are bimonthly.

ON MONDAY EVENING, January 3d, the Culture Club of Hazelhurst, Miss., gave a New Year's reception and banquet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wise that surpassed the former record of this club for successful social functions. The color motif for the evening was red and green, and the beautiful home was a bower of Southern smilax, poppies and red bells.

At nine o'clock the guests were seated in the banquet hall, and Mrs. Carrie Ramsay gave a brilliant address of welcome. We quote a little from it:

"If I were courageous enough I would remind these lords of ladies intellectual that among the ancients the personification of wisdom was a woman; Minerva, holding the distaff and the spindle, was also the symbol of the thinking faculty, the goddess of wisdom, science and art. Solomon says: 'Get wisdom, forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee.' Clearly, then, woman is the type of Wisdom; while, throughout the ages, Folly has stalked through the world in the garb of a man. The ancient court jester and the modern clown would forever lose their identity if clothed in anything but masculine attire. For seven years this club has followed Minerva, even in its social functions; but at this banquet we have invited our club husbands, and a few other men, that we may 'mingle a little folly with our wisdom.'"

After the successful serving of a menu, which carried out in each course the color scheme, Mrs. Ramsay acted as toast mistress for the evening. The following toasts were given:

The Old and the New, Dr. S. C. Caldwell.

The Clubwoman as the Presiding Genius of the Home, Mrs. D. L. Fortenberry.

The Clubwoman versus the Society Woman, Mrs. E. W. Taylor.

Do Clubwomen Rule Their Husbands? Mr. Tandy.

The Clubwoman of the Future, Miss Colie Covington.

The Modern Knight, Mrs. H. L. McClesky.

THE NEW CENTURY CLUB, West Point, continues this year the study of Browning, and will have also a few meetings on Domestic Science, Forestry and Civics. This club has always striven for the uplifting of the town and community, and its influence, especially with the children, is worthy of note. This year art is a part of the West Point public school curriculum, and the club is offering two prizes in art to be awarded at the close of the session to the two grades having improved most in their work. Being desirous also of instilling into the school children the importance of Domestic Science, and the love of the beautiful, or civic pride, the club has continued to offer prizes to them for the best work done in Domestic Science, for the best kept flower beds and plants, and for the best manual work. The New Century Club does not shirk any part of club work. It sold several thousand Red Cross stamps Christmas.

MRS. WM. M. CASON.

THE OPENING SESSION of the Biloxi Music Club was held at the home of its president, Mrs. Z. T. Champlin, on October 22, 1909. A miscellaneous program was given, and the work for the ensuing year decided upon as the study of the history and works of the Italian masters.

THE NEW CENTURY CLUB OF WEST POINT has as its program this year *Browning*, interspersed with programs on the different departments of the Federation, such as "Arts and Crafts" and "The Teachers' Training School." The club assists the County School Improvement Association and the Boys' Corn Club, and at the suggestion of Mrs. Pasley sold \$14 worth of Red Cross stamps for the health department. A health program, arranged by the club, with the assistance of the local physicians, was given in the Assembly Hall of the Lynch School, and dealt with Tuberculosis. A plea for "sanitary fountains" was also presented at this meeting of the civics department of the club. A prize, offered by the club to the school whose grounds were best kept, was won by the Lynch School, and the prize took the form of a sanitary drinking fountain, in place of the old buckets and cups. Professor Capps and the board of trustees appreciated the advantages of the fountain so much that they prevailed on the city to put in three more. There being a fifth one needed for the primary school, the children themselves contributed for this, so that now the white schools of our city are all supplied with these fountains. The club members have given talks in the schools on art, domestic science, manual training, civics and forestry, and through their influence drawing has been introduced into the schools, under a special teacher, the club offering two prizes this spring on this subject. Domestic science, under Mrs. N. K. Johnson, chairman, is encouraged in the schools also by the club giving prizes for cooking and sewing and arranging for an exhibit of the children's domestic science work. The country children were asked to take part in the exhibition and prize contest. Prizes for the best flower-beds planted and cared for by the children themselves were also given. Miss Pellens, professor of domestic science in Industrial Institute and College, will lecture to the club, and each member will send a special dish, with the recipe attached, and the maker's card, for an

exhibit. They say, "We are trying to do what is asked of us in all Federation departments, and to encourage our community to better things along all lines."

MRS. B. M. HOWOTH, President.

NORTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications for North Carolina to Miss Gertrude Weil, Goldsboro, N. C., General Federation Secretary, Manager.

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Recording Secretary—Mrs. W. C. A. Hammel, Greensboro, N. C.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss C. H. Hunt, Lexington, N. C.
(43 Clubs—1,350 Members.)

THE first Mid-winter Conference of the Federation Executive Board will be held in Goldsboro February 22d and 23d. A special announcement will be sent to members of the board. It is hoped that this experiment will prove a success, that the meeting will be well attended and prove a great help in directing the work of the Federation.

THE NORTH CAROLINA SOROSIS (Wilmington) has taken up its work for the year with vigor. The club has planned a big tea in the parlors of the Orton Hotel the first week in February during one afternoon and evening.

Action has been taken looking to the formation of a Civic League for Wilmington. Through the Club Committee, the presidents of the Chamber of Commerce, Greater Wilmington Club, Daughters of the Confederacy, Red Cross Society, and other organizations, besides the mayor and members of the board of aldermen, will be interviewed and a mass meeting held for formal organization and the consideration of plans. It is earnestly hoped that great success will crown this effort toward's Wilmington's civic betterment.

THE CIVIC IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION (Fayetteville) has recently been instrumental in having an important piece of paving contracted for, and when this paving is completed will plant trees and grass.

December 31st was a gala day in Fayetteville and the Civic Association. The city was turned over to the association, even to the street cars, which were in charge of members. One interesting and enjoyable feature of the day's program was an old-fashioned knights' tournament, which gave good opportunity for skillful riding. At the fancy dress mask ball, held in the evening, the winning knight crowned his lady queen of love and beauty, presenting her with the prize won in the tournament. Second and third prizes were also presented, and in addition a prize was awarded one of the ladies for the best costume. The celebration of this gala day netted the association the sum of \$63.50, which will be used for the work of that organization.

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Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. J. E. Perkins, Danville.
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Clubs 12—822 Members.

THE following letter has been distributed generally throughout the State of Virginia by the Education Committee:

The Education Committee of the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs has determined to make an effort to induce the Legislature to establish a College for Women at the University of Virginia, co-ordinate with the University but not co-educational.

In this way the educational facilities of the University can be put to a double use by the State, and college instruction of the highest standard can thus be given the girls of the State at a minimum cost both to the State and to the students in the College for Women thus to be established.

Some of the needs for such a State College for Women are:

(1) Though Virginia now supports a University and three colleges for men, it does not offer to its women the opportunity of obtaining an education of college grade at any State school.

(2) The cost of attendance at the denominational and other colleges in Virginia now open to women is prohibitive to the family of average means with daughters to educate. A State College for Women should reduce the cost of obtaining such an education by at least one-half the amount now necessary to be expended for any girl who may wish to pursue studies away from home beyond the high school grades.

(3) Virginia is now largely dependent upon the graduates of colleges for women in other States for the supply of teachers properly equipped for teaching in colleges and in the more advanced grades in the high schools.

We trust that we may have the aid of your active co-operation in advancing the movement. We shall also be gratified if you will advise us whether this movement commands itself to your judgment and give us the benefit of any suggestions that may occur to you tending to promote its success.

Yours truly,
MISS LUCY L. DAVIS, Lynchburg, Va.;
MRS. JAMES R. KYLE, Lynchburg, Va.;
MISS RUTH H. EARLY, Lynchburg, Va.;
MRS. W. T. HARRIS, Danville, Va.

THE ROUND DOZEN CLUB of Pulaski, through the secretary, reports interesting meetings and the good news that their Circulating Library will be completed by the first of the year.

Edward Bok has an article in the January *Ladies' Home Journal*, on "My Quarrel With Women's Clubs," that all clubwomen might read with profit. We may not agree with him, but it will probably do good.

May the new year bring new inspiration and new fields of work to all the clubs of our State, and much happiness to each member of each club.

LIZZIE F. PERKINSON,
Cor. Sec. of Virginia Federation.

THE WEDNESDAY CLUB, Danville, is looking forward with pleasure to entertaining the State Federation in the spring.

THE MEMBERS of the Virginia Federation extend their sympathy to Mrs. W. T. Paxton, chairman of the Committee on Industrial Education and the Home, in her recent bereavement in the death of her father.

ENCLOSED you will find \$1.10 for subscription to *The Keystone* and *Veteran*; I cannot do without our U. D. C. organ, and look forward to its monthly visits with pleasure as well as profit.

Jonesville, S. C. MRS. J. L. (HATTIE) MCWHIRTER.

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications for Florida to Mrs. John W. Wideman, Deland, Fla.

President—Mrs. Lena W. Shackleford, Tallahassee.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. C. B. Farrell, Live Oak.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Lilla Lewis, Tallahassee.
(28 Clubs—1,200 Members.)

THE Woman's Club of Ocala is planning to give a month to Domestic Science and Pure Food, during which time will be heard addresses by local physicians and club members, and a series of five lectures and demonstrations by Miss Harris, of the College for Women at Tallahassee, a month each will be given to the work of various committees. We will celebrate Arbor Day and do general forestry work in February. A talk on "Jennie June" (Mrs. Crowly), whose life work was the federation of women, will be given by Mr. Sydney, her son-in-law, who is wintering in Ocala.

THIS TALLAHASSEE WOMAN'S CLUB was organized seven years ago, and the last year's record proves to be the best in the history of the club. Departments of special interest are Civics, Education, Forestry, Household Economics, Social Purity, Art and Library Extension. There are 60 members, and we hold monthly meetings. The Civic Committee extended its labors this year to cemetery work. The pet hobby of this committee is municipal purifying, cleansing and beautifying. Schools are flourishing, but need more room, though the prospects are favorable for a new and commodious building and better equipped laboratories, something of which Tallahassee can be justly proud. If the thoughtfulness, energy and perseverance of the Tallahassee Woman's Club means anything, this structure will be looming up in the near future. The club generally does what she can, and gets what she wants. Those who with incredulous smiles looked askance at the ambitious and enthusiastic little band do not look that way now. The indifferent public doesn't gaze out of the window when she speaks. Eyes are upon us, confidence is strengthening. We are real estate owners. By dint of hard work, womanly pluck and management (and we shall not forget a few timely donations), the treasurer was enabled to make the last payment on one of the most beautiful lots in our city, situated on its main street, upon which a magnificent club home will be established before very long. Home talent theatricals, baby shows, candy sales, and a week's demonstration fair and bazaar, are among the many methods employed for financial gain. We wish it understood that it has not been hard work all the year 'round and no play, for we give frequent receptions, teas, musicals and other entertainments, where the townspeople and clubpeople all mingle happily and merrily together. We would not have an inference that we are separate and distinct, not so, for the club finds hearty cooperation from outsiders in most instances. A contract with the Alkahest Lyceum System brings this season to large and delightful audiences high class attractions, full of wit, humor and pathos.

MRS. H. T. FELKEI.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB, Fort Myers, gives alternate weeks to "Art" study, and is enjoying the works and biographies of the Italian painters in the Early Renaissance, illustrating the productions of each artist by the admirable "Perry

Pictures." The other weeks we give to the Federation subjects, or to one of our own initiative. On Wednesday we had such topics as "Rights and Wrongs of Women," "Women and Unjust Laws," "Should a Married Woman Hold a Business Position?" The petition to Senate and Congress for equal suffrage was signed by many at the close of the meeting.

MRS. JULIA HANSON, President.

RECIPROCITY BUREAU.

[All programs and papers received by this bureau are acknowledged in this department. These programs and papers are intended for exchange among clubs, and may be secured upon application to "The Keystone," when accompanied by ten cents for postage.]

Some Notable Women in all the Ages—Maids and Matrons Club, Blacksburg, S. C., 1909-1910.

Greek Life—Twentieth Century Club, Bennettsville, S. C., 1909-1910.

Miscellaneous Program—The Memminger Alumnae Association, Charleston, S. C., 1909-1910.

Fragments From Many Countries—Up-to-Date Club, Chester, S. C., 1909-1910.

England and America—The Woman's Club, Gaffney, S. C., 1909-1910.

Japan—The Monday Afternoon Club, Rock Hill, S. C., 1909-1910.

Departmental Program; Myths and Legends of the World in Literature; Flemish Art—North Carolina Sorosis, Wilmington, N. C., 1909-1910.

Year Book of the North Carolina State Federation, 1909-1910.

Year Book of the South Carolina State Federation, 1909-1910.

Year Book of the Virginia State Federation, 1909-1910.

Miscellaneous Program and Working Bulletins—The Van Dyke League, Lynchburg, Va., 1909-1910.

Miscellaneous Program, with Parliamentary Drills—The Woman's Club, Charleston, W. Va., 1909-1910.

Goldsmith and His Friends and Romantic Poetry, as Exemplified Especially in Burns—Reading Club of Berryville, Va.

Germany—The Climbers, Brookhaven, Miss., 1909-1910.

Browning—The New Century Club, West Point, Miss., 1909-1910.

The Drama, also Departmental Programs—The Woman's Club, Jacksonville, Fla., 1909-1910.

Scandinavian Contribution to the World's Work. a paper by Miss R. M. Bryan—The Century Club, Charleston, S. C.

President Roosevelt, His Personality and as President, a paper by Mrs. B. H. Stringfellow—The Up-to-Date Club, Chester, S. C.

A New Patriotism, by Gifford Pinchot, United States Forester, in the World's Work. Address of Gifford Pinchot, United States Forester, before the Daughters of the American Revolution, Washington, April 21, 1909.

"*The Blushful South and Hippocrate*," is an artistic collection of poems or songs, by Robert Loveman, author of "*Poems in Delft*," "*Songs from a Georgia Garden*," etc. These poems are short love songs, many having already been set to music, poems descriptive of nature and every day life, short, gentle verses, and some are real odes. The little volume has only 80 pages, and each poem occupies a page all to itself—some being only a few lines long. It is a joy to the South to welcome another poet in our midst, and great things are expected of Mr. Loveman.

(Cloth, \$1.00. J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia, Pa.)

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

President—Mrs. Philip N. Moore, 3125 Lafayette Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Frank N. Shiek, Wheatland, Wyo.

[*The Federation Bulletin*, "the official organ" of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, according to agreement at the St. Paul Biennial, sends out to all sectional "official organs" each month advance sheets of the official General Federation news, which it has received for publication. The following are official items for February.]

MY MAIL has been so full of questions relating to the message of the December Bulletin that I have in many cases only acknowledged, with the promise to speak more fully upon certain details in this (February) message.

First. The Difference Between Cooperation and Membership: I will take as an example of most effective cooperation the National Child Labor Committee. Any individual who is specially interested in this subject will join the National organization. The officers have asked your president to serve on their Executive Committee, and to act in an advisory capacity. The General Federation voted to assist in every possible way in the passage of the Bill for the Children's Bureau; therefore, our Legislative Committee was authorized to make this a special plea in approaching United States Senators and Representatives. We have never been asked, and we should consider it inadvisable, to join this national organization, as clubs or as State Federations, since we have the special detailed work under our own department of Child Labor.

Equally effective is the cooperation with the American Civic Association, the American Medical Association, the (men's) Rivers and Harbors Congress, the National Conservation Commission, the National Educational Association, and many others.

It seems wise to speak of two organizations that have much confused the minds of those who have not understood, but have wished to be loyal. The American Federation of Arts, with which we would have cooperated with pleasure, for it offered plans of work we believe helpful, sent a misleading letter to our State Federations, implying the approval from an ex-president and the chairman of our Art Department, of the proposition that the State Federation should join as a chapter. In some cases the dues would be, for one subject, many times larger than the entire dues to the General Federation. The other is the Women's Rivers and Harbors Congress, auxiliary to the national organization, formed to assist in any possible way the great work of waterways. This was admirable, had they come to the organization already existing for their members. One large club said that their letter of invitation to join enclosed circulars on waterways, headed "General Federation of Women's Clubs," and the club thought its loyalty demanded a knowledge of name and intention. Thus this one case, like many others, came to my attention.

Second. Circulars and Equipment: The work of the General Federation has been authorized by your votes. At times you have objected to the many circulars of information and request coming to you to be read in the club. On this account the Board of Directors decided to ask the official organ, *The Federation Bulletin*, to print the circulars from department chairmen, and thus reach every club in a most direct but not mandatory form. Any chairman of

the same department in the club can find in this organ, if kept on file, all the information we may give. She will find it no small amount.

The equipment of the General Federation is much hampered for lack of funds. A chairman has a small sum for the biennial period for stationery and postage for circulars, etc. It is all we can give. She pays her own expenses to Council and General Federation meetings to do our work. We would be glad to send her to the meetings of the national organizations, with which she must be affiliated, and where she would meet other experts in that particular field. Only in three very inexpensive geographical points were we able to do this. The president and officers, who can take the time, do exactly this conference visiting at their own expense.

We would like to have travelling art galleries and collection of slides to send where needed. We need lecturers, when called for by smaller clubs; we need special libraries upon special subjects, to make more effective the work of clubs and to do away with criticism, that may take up lifetime subjects in one season. The wonder is that we have done so much with such small income, through the loyal devotion of many. Our small per capita tax comes from the fact that our membership is by clubs and not individuals, and the amount seems large to the club. No wonder the Daughters of the American Revolution can build a beautiful hall and carry on great concerted action! No wonder the Collegiate Alumnae Association can send its fellows abroad for special research work! While the great work of the General Federation, for the conservation of child life in work, in play, in school, in home, halts often and stumbles ahead, because we will it, and the personal effort stops not for funds.

THERE SHOULD COME TO every club in the United States, through direct and indirect membership, a circular of questions from our departments. I beg, for this one complete set of questions, some answer in every case.

I am told the General Federation is highly organized; it is not sufficiently so to bring us returns as to what clubs are doing, or the work of the Federation all over the country. If it is a power, as we are told so many times by other organizations and by many individuals asking our help, we should be able to state just what we are doing and can do. When a chairman in a State Federation says: "We have 150 clubs in our State, and I have received replies from only 9," you will recognize that we are not getting proper data. I am, therefore, hopeful that as these questions come to you (early in February) you may see that they are answered for this one trial attempt. Afterwards, if the States take up this method, as Massachusetts has most admirably initiated, it will be but one set of questions for the year. Please answer in some form. If only one activity is considered, answer; if all, the back of the slip can be added for answers; if none, write the name of the club, and across the questions, "No activities under these heads." We shall know just what a club is doing, and its change in activity from year to year. These questions must be answered immediately to have returns in time for the chairmen to digest before the biennial.

My heart was made glad by the hundreds of Christmas cards and letters of good will for the New Year. We have a most inspiring program for Cincinnati, and I long to speak to you, and take you by the hand, to talk over the great problems that belong to us, because we have made them ours, and because we believe in them.

EVA PERRY MOORE.

THE ART COMMITTEE, through its chairman, Mrs. Pattison, speaks in terms of praise of the work of the Art Committees in Indiana and Vermont in behalf of free exhibitions of works of arts, and arts and crafts. Mrs. Pattison wishes an expression from the clubs in regard to the second edition of the *Handbook of Art in Our Own Country*, authorized by the Board of Directors of the General Federation. She asks for additional items and corrections, so as to make the second edition more valuable, and wants all clubwomen in every State to help in collecting data and in disposing of the book when published. Address Mrs. E. W. Pattison, 4254 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo.

THE CHAIRMAN of the Household Economics Committee, Mrs. Gouldlin, reports an increasing interest in Home Economics, shown by the time given at State programs and the reports from the various State chairmen. Some committees have arranged with their universities and agricultural colleges for lectures and short course work, and some are teaching the larger use of household appliances. The most important work that the General Federation Committee is doing is:

1st. To send out bulletins to the clubs of the country to learn exactly what is being done and also indirectly to furnish suggestions as to what can be done.

2d. To arrange to have lectures and short courses given in different cities to teach the better ways of living and the larger meaning of home economics.

To carry out this plan bulletins were sent to all State chairmen for distribution among interested clubs, stating that Miss Anna Barrows, of Teachers' College, Columbia University, also in charge of the Chautauqua Lake Summer School, is willing to give this department two months, from February 15 to April 15, 1910. Her terms are \$100 and expenses for five days; one day, \$25.00 and expenses—a talk of one hour and demonstrated work of two hours. Any club wishing an engagement will please communicate at once with Mrs. Olaf N. Gouldlin, Fort Wayne, Ind.

THE AMOUNT NOW in the treasury for the English Scholarship is \$2,021.24, and a few pledges are still unpaid. It is hoped that the proposed sum of \$3,000 may yet be obtained before the scholar goes to her post next fall.

Eight candidates were authorized to enter the examinations. Six of these candidates availed themselves of the privilege. The States of Alabama, California, Iowa, Minnesota, New York and Ohio each presented one candidate, showing that the competition was markedly free from any local character.

The committee on selection will hold their final meeting on February 8, and the next issue of the *Bulletin* and *The Keystone* will announce the successful candidate, with a sketch of her past work and proposed use of the fellowship.

LAURA DRAKE GILL,
Chairman Educational Committee.

The gift to this scholarship are as follows: New York, \$202; New Jersey, \$125; Wisconsin, \$120.27; Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, South Dakota and Texas, each \$100; South Carolina, \$88.50; District of Columbia, 64; Florida, \$50; Georgia, \$25; Mrs. Evans, \$25; and Mrs. Eli Hertzberg, of San Antonio, Texas, \$100. California has pledged \$100.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS for the Cincinnati Biennial promise to be most satisfactory. The *Hotel Sinton* will be the official headquarters, rooms on the European plan ranging from \$2.00 per day. The Hotel Committee have secured a number of first-class accommodations in hotels from \$1 per day up (European), while they have a list of reasonable, desirable boarding houses. Those expecting to go to the biennial are advised to communicate, as soon as possible, with the chairman of the Hotel Committee, Mrs. Wm. V. Ebersole, 2135 St. James' Ave., Cincinnati, and engage their rooms through her.

THE PRESIDENT of the Louisiana Federation has been active in working for the proper enforcement of the child labor laws in New Orleans. Mrs. Matthewes has recently visited the clubs in Homer, Minden, Ruston, Annroe and Bastrop, arousing an interest in the coming convention in Baton Rouge; and in each place she was beautifully entertained and her addresses warmly received. Her circular letter, sent out in October, urged the clubwomen to send in orders for the Federation badge which the committee had adopted, and asked all clubs to contribute to the educational work of the Louisiana Federation, so that the scholarship fund may be increased during the year.

THE TEXAS FEDERATION COMMITTEE on Selection of *Official Organ* has chosen *The Woman's Argosy*, published at Dallas, and in future all official matter in regard to the Texas Federation will appear in this monthly magazine.

ALL CLUBWOMEN ARE rejoicing with the New York State Federation through the establishment of their endowment fund of \$12,500, which was made possible through the gift of \$10,000 by Mrs. Russell Sage, the balance having been raised at the convention. The interest on this fund will be used to defray the necessary expenses of officers and chairmen of committees when visiting clubs in the interest of the Federation.

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For Circulars Address

Miss J. S. Bryant, care of Y. W. C. A., Nashville, Tennessee

TICKET SYSTEM AVOIDS FINANCIAL RISKS

District Nursing.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society of Charleston, S. C., an Organization of Charitable Women Chartered in 1813.

1813—"I was sick and ye visited me."—1910.

IN THE opening address on "The History of District Nursing in England and Other Countries," given by Miss Amy Hughes, superintendent Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute, at the Jubilee Congress of District Nursing, held in Liverpool, England, in May, 1909, Miss Hughes tells of the first three efforts in America to meet the needs of the sick poor in their homes as follows: "The Philadelphia Lying in Charity, for attending Indigent Females in their own homes, founded in 1828; the Ladies' Benevolent Society was founded in Charleston, South Carolina, in 1813, and the Woman's Board of the New York City Mission in 1877." Miss Hughes is authority on her subject as superintendent of an institute connected by charter with the ancient St. Katherine's Royal Hospital, founded by Queen Matilda in 1148, and patronized by all the queens of England since the days of Queen Matilda. This institute was endowed by Queen Victoria with the seventy thousand pounds raised by the women of Great Britain as the Woman's Jubilee offering as a training school for the education of nurses for the sick poor in their homes.

And so it would seem that Charleston, S. C., leads in America, with the first organization for attending the sick poor in their homes. The Ladies' Benevolent Society received one of the 3,000 invitations issued to this Jubilee Congress to send two delegates, who would be entertained by the city.

This old society held its 97th annual meeting in Charleston on January 18, 1910, and the reports at this meeting show that the society is still caring for the sick poor in their homes, employing the most up-to-date methods in this work of benevolence. The following is the superintendent's annual report for 1909:

"LADIES: Again I have the great pleasure of welcoming you to our annual meeting. During the year we have helped 172 persons and spent \$949. The nurse has made 1,800 visits to 147 persons; she has attended patients at the Royal Bagging Factory village, workers at the Cigar Factory, inmates of the Confederate Home, besides the city poor. We have one pensioner at the Enston Home. We have 162 members, twelve Life members and two In Memoriam members, Mrs. M. A. Snowden, Mrs. James Ravenel, and one name kept on the list in memoriam. Our contributions vary from 50 cents to \$75; one member has resigned, two left the city, and we have lost two by death, Miss Caroline and Miss Eliza Brodie. I wish to emphasize that we try not to pauperize by giving free aid, unless necessary. Patients are asked to pay what they are able. Most of those whom the nurse visits, however, pay nothing; some pay car fare, and we received some very grateful notes. We have had a few good pay patients. We express our thanks to all who have helped us. Donations in money, fresh eggs, fruit, biscuits, nourishment and little comforts, which the nurse takes, cheer and strengthen a patient, making her visit even more acceptable; also warm clothing, and often making glad

a whole family with much-needed clothing, etc. We are grateful to the physicians, who express their interest and appreciation of our work, who generously give of their time and skill to many sufferers whom we visit. We opened a rest room for six months, but we did not think it judicious to continue it; however, we can arrange to take such patients, if the room is not in use when applied for. The superintendent received \$50, to be spent by her for a lady or ladies in reduced circumstances. It has been used, and is, indeed, a "Comfort Fund."

When the Tuberculosis Exhibit was in Charleston I was asked for a report of our work with tuberculosis cases; and gave it, showing how we had cared for these cases. Our nurse, Anna D. Banks, is most satisfactory; her skill, common sense, tact, kindness and enthusiasm accomplishes much more than I can tell you. I wish some generous friend would help us with a tuberculosis nurse. Our Auxiliary Circle, "Faithful unto the end," has helped chronic patients. The nurse has visited a few respectable colored persons at my request. The Hopkins Fund has supplied 44 loads of wood and assisted 25 sick and old negroes. We purchased with the Gage Fund 251 yards of material, and one member of the board cut out 104 garments, which were made during the summer. We should give sincere thanks to the board and officers and committees for their earnest and methodical work, and to our assistant, Mrs. A. S. Walker, who so faithfully and carefully carries on the summer work, with its many details. With the record of the last few years we should be truly grateful. With humble hearts let us commit the work to the care of our Heavenly Father, and pray for further blessings and guidance.

CATHERINE P. RAVENEL, Superintendent.

Other reports at this meeting showed that the society had received donations from church societies, King's Daughters, circles, women's clubs, individuals, and special collections on "Visiting Nurse Sunday," in seven of the city churches, for the benefit of this visiting nurse work. The Nurses' Committee reported 147 patients cared for, 1,800 visits paid, 16 births, 13 deaths among these patients, and seven extra nurses employed, in time of extra stress of sickness, to help the regular nurse attend the patients properly. Nearly all of the physicians in the city use the society's nurse in their practice, and the society has had the care of nine tuberculosis cases during the year. The Loan Closet Committee reported distributing 131 articles of nourishment; 155 articles, such as clothing, mosquito nets, medicines, stimulants, sundries; 10 baby baskets and contents, and 11 1-2 dozen fresh eggs, from June to December, 1909. While the Mothers' Basket reported: Received 622 articles, given away 452, helped 95 persons.

The officers of the society for 1910 are: Superintendent, Mrs. C. P. Ravenel; Junior Superintendent, Mrs. B. F. Alston; Secretary, Miss Mary B. Poppenheim; Treasurer, Mrs. E. H. Pringle; Board of Managers, Mrs. James Allan, Mrs. Herman Baer, Mrs. J. P. K. Bryan, Mrs. Z. Davis, Mrs. W. G. Jeffords, Mrs. E. L. Parker, Mrs. Arthur Mazyck, Miss M. B. Mure, Miss S. T. Smyth, Mrs. J. S.

Riggs, Mrs. A. T. Smythe, Mrs. G E. Gibbon, Mrs. L. L. Cohen, Mrs. Sallie Litschgi, Miss Elizabeth Klinck, Mrs. Geo. S. Holmes. MARY B. POPPENHEIM,
Secretary The Ladies' Benevolent Society.

SOUTH CAROLINA DIVISION UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY.

This Department is official, and will be continued monthly.

LIST OF OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. August Kohn, Columbia.
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Recorder of Crosses—Mrs. W. H. Fowler, Yorkville.
(60 Chapters—2,400 Members.)

IT IS greatly to be regretted that there has been such a delay in the publishing of the Minutes of the Newberry Convention. Mrs. Dreher's part of the work has been ready and waiting for some time past, but owing to the Christmas rush and overcrowded mail service at that time it was impossible for your president to get the committees ready, and in consequence the Minutes had to be kept waiting. It is hoped that there will be no longer delay, and that the chapters will at an early day have a full and detailed account of the last convention. They are urged to read carefully the proceedings, because, however careful a report was submitted by a delegate, the official account is bound to give valuable information and many interesting points. Be sure to read chapter reports, it will give you a broad view of the work that is being accomplished, and may give an inspiration as to new work that you may do.

Delays seem to be the order of the day, but it is with pleasure that your president announces that the long-looked for Certificates have been sent by Mrs. Dowdell, who regretted the delay as much as the other interested parties. It was caused through no fault of hers.

IT IS HOPED that each Chapter has made earnest endeavor to interest local representatives in securing the appropriation for the Soldiers' Home. The committee is doing what can be done in a quiet way, and it is expected that with combined effort that much will be accomplished for the comfort of these old soldiers.

A word about books: The State Company has kindly looked after the books (2d Vol. S. C. Women in the Confederacy), and their kindness should not be taxed. There are still five chapters, whose names appear on the list as having paid for these books, who have never notified the committee as to how and where they shall be sent. They are Palmetto Chapter, Anderson, 20 copies; Edward Croft Chapter, Aiken, Bishopville Chapter, Marion Chapter, each 4 copies; Ann White Chapter, Rock Hill, 8 copies. These books have been paid for and are at *The State* office to the credit of the above chapters. If nothing further is heard as to their disposition, your president will send them to the chapters, per express.

MRS. FOWLER has notified the chapters who had arranged for the bestowal of Crosses on January 19th that it is impossible to get them on time. Mrs. Raines was unable to get the Crosses from the engravers on time.

The following are the committees for the ensuing year, and it is presumed that the chairmen have communicated with the various members of their committees:

SHILOH MONUMENT: Miss Mary B. Poppenheim, Charleston, Director; Committee, Mrs. R. D. Wright, Newberry; Mrs. J. L. McWhiter, Jonesville.

ARLINGTON MONUMENT: Mrs. T. W. Keitt, Clemson College, Director; Committee, Mrs. J. A. Burton, Newberry; Mrs. J. R. Vandiver, Anderson.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: Mrs. H. P. Lynch, Cheraw; Mrs. St. J. Alison Lawton, James' Island; Mrs. Fred Culum, Batesburg.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Miss Mary B. Poppenheim, Chairman; Mrs. James H. Reid, Rock Hill; Mrs. Yates Snowden, Columbia.

SOLDIERS' HOME: Mrs. J. W. Bunch, Columbia; Mrs. R. D. Wright, Newberry; Miss M. B. Washington, Charleston; Mrs. T. W. Keitt, Clemson College.

ABNER PERRIN MONUMENT: Miss Mae Robertson, Abbeville, Chairman; Mrs. T. P. Burgess, Edgefield; Mrs. M. J. Perry, Lancaster.

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REUNION COMMITTEE: Mrs. Julia K. Campbell, Chester; Mrs. T. C. Pool, Newberry; Mrs. Samuel Burts, Spartanburg; Miss Mattie Duvall, Cheraw.

REGENT SOUTH CAROLINA ROOM, CONFEDERATE MUSEUM, RICHMOND, VA.: Miss Isabella Martin, Columbia.

MRS. AUGUST KOHN,
President S. C. Division, U. D. C.

ENCOURAGED by another year's satisfactory work, the S. C. Division is pressing on; and in order that every Chapter may keep in touch with our financial condition, the treasurer will send to *The Keystone* a condensed report each quarter in 1910. The following amounts are on hand: Credits in bank, \$11.09; Winthrop Scholarship Fund, \$156.11. I trust our purse will be full in March, time for payment of dues. And now a Happy New Year to all; and may much joy, peace, contentment, and a broader view of the meaning of life, come to each one of us in 1910!

MALLIE J. PERRY,
Treasurer S. C. Division, U. D. C.

THE SECESSIONVILLE CHAPTER, JAMES ISLAND, celebrated January 19th by a large and enthusiastic meeting of the citizens of the Island at the armory, which was beautifully decorated with greens and Confederate flags for the occasion. This armory is in a beautiful grove of live oaks, which also contains the school house. This picturesque grove of giant trees has been a school center for this island for nearly a hundred years, and so is a natural assembly place for the people. The armory is the social center of the Island, and one of its rooms is used as the Chapter room of the Secessionville Chapter. Here the Chapter is collecting relics and building up an attractive home for itself. On January 19th the exercises consisted of addresses by Gen. C. I. Walker, Mrs. August Kohn, of Columbia, the new president of the S. C. Division, U. D. C., and Col. James

Armstrong, of Charleston, with appropriate Confederate music, rendered by a well-trained chorus. General Walker spoke of the Woman's Movement. Mrs. Kohn made a stirring appeal to the chapter to continue collecting local historical material for preservation and Colonel Armstrong gave personal recollections of the days of the 60's. Mr. Alison Lawton was the chairman of the meeting, and Mrs. Lawton and Mrs. Sandifer Bee, the new president of the chapter, occupied seats on the stage. Miss Mary Poppenheim, an ex-president of the Division, was the guest of the chapter for the day. The emusical selections added much to the charm of the occasion; those melodious Southern airs on that bright, balmy day seemed to stimulate the birds in the big live oaks outside to renewed vocal efforts, and their sweet songs, blending with the clear, tender Southern voices, added a local touch, which seemed to say that the South of today, under new conditions, but with the same blue skies, balmy air, verdant groves, clear bird songs, tender nature and loving, loyal, hospital hearts, is the same South of the long ago. After the addresses the chapter served a delightful collation on the broad, sunny piazza of the armory, and the social hour that followed was much enjoyed. The official guests were then driven to Mr. and Mrs. Lawton's hospitable home, "The Bluff," where a dainty luncheon was served, after which the Charleston visitors were taken to the city in Mr. Lawton's boat.

NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY.

This department is official, and will be continued monthly. Reports should be sent to Mrs. Helen DeB. Wills, Raleigh, N. C., Manager, by the 15th of each month for insertion in the next month's *Keystone*.

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(89 Chapters—4,000 Members.)

ON CHRISTMAS day, at the home of its president, Mrs. Roswell C. Bridgers, the Hertford County Chapter, U. D. C., gave a reception for the benefit of the chapter; more than a hundred guests called; three little girls, Margaret Copeland, Estelle Clark and Mary Bridgers, invited them in; the home was beautifully decorated with Christmas greens; red and white candles illuminated the halls, and red light in the parlors cast a warm and ruddy glow. The program for the evening consisted of appropriate music, addresses from Capt. Thomas D. Boone and Judge W. P. Shaw, solos by Miss Banks, Miss Story and Mrs. Newsom, and then the stirring and beloved notes of "Dixie" set the girls and boys, and maybe some others, feet moving in time to the music. Mrs. Peterson sang "The Homespun Dress," illustrated by one she wore on that occasion. Captain Boone's address touched feelingly on the hardships and sufferings of the "Boys of '61-'65," and Judge Shaw spoke of the memories that we should cherish of their brave defense of the Southland. A portrait of Gen. Robert E. Lee was presented to the chapter by one of

its members, Miss Bessie T. Taylor; Captain Boone making the presentation speech, and Judge Shaw accepting in behalf of the chapter. The exercises ended with a song, "A Big Night Tonight," by little Estelle Clark, aged five. Refreshments were then served, and a nice little sum was realized from the admission fee.

THE ABEL A. SHUFORD CHAPTER, at Hickory, was organized some months ago, with twenty-five charter members; President, Mrs. O. M. Royster; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. H. C. Menzies, Mrs. E. B. Cline; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. A. Martin; Recording Secretary, Mrs. R. A. Grimes; Treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Shuford; Registrar, Mrs. Edwin Chadwick. In August we lost one of our most active members, Mrs. Hall. Mr. Shuford, for whom our Chapter is named, was a very young soldier, but a very zealous one, and since the war has done more than any one in the county for the old veterans. He gave them their first reunion on his own lawn; and not one in need is ever refused assistance by him. *We will send you some subscriptions to The Keystone before long.*

THE NORFLEET HARRELL CHAPTER, Murfreesboro, was organized in September. *"We want to know about The Keystone, the price, etc., and will be glad if you will send us the January number. We want to hear all we can as to methods, etc. Please let us hear soon."*

MISS MARY S. LAWRENCE, Cor. Sec

THE NEW BERN CHAPTER, U. D. C., have just received a beautiful silver flagon, presented by the delegation from Rhode Island, who visited New Bern last October for the purpose of dedicating the Rhode Island monument in the National Cemetery there. The donors respectfully desire the acceptance of the gift, as indicating their appreciation of the friendly greetings extended them by the chapter on that occasion.

THE JOHNSTON PETTIGREW CHAPTER, Raleigh, held their monthly meeting at the home of Miss Willie Ashe, on the 12th instant, and after routine work they proceeded to make arrangements for the celebration of General Lee's birthday, the 19th. The exercises will be held in the Hall of Representatives, and the speaker of the day is to be Judge Charles M. Cook, of Louisburg. There will be appropriate music. The chapter was invited, on the evening of the 12th, to attend the unveiling of the marble bust of Governor William A. Graham, and presentation to the State by the State Historical Commission, who had it executed by the distinguished sculptor, F. W. Ruckstuhl. It occupies a niche in the rotunda of the capitol. A fine address on the life and services of Governor Graham was delivered by Mr. Frank Nash, of Hillsboro, and one on the value of Historical Memorials in a democracy by Mr. Thomas W. Mason, of Northampton County. The presentation speech was by Hon. J. Bryan Grimes, chairman of the Historical Commission; acceptance by the Governor of North Carolina, Hon. W. W. Kitchin. Unveiling by William A. Graham, Jr., the fourth. Many of the descendants of Governor Graham were present. Special seats were reserved for the Daughters of the Confederacy and for the Daughters of the Revolution. The hall was filled by an

assembly of patriotic Carolinians, and others, who, after the exercises in the hall, repaired to the rotunda to witness the unveiling.

HELEN DEBERNIERE WILLS.

THE ABEL A. SHUFORD CHAPTER, Daughters of the Confederacy, Hickory, N. C., held its regular monthly meeting with Mrs. H. D. Abernathy on January 17th. Ten dollars were contributed to the educational fund. The president, Mrs. O. M. Royster, handed Mrs. John Shuford the certificate for awarding to M. C. Clay the Cross of Honor, and read from the State Constitution the laws concerning the bestowal of the Cross of Honor. Eight subscriptions to *The Keystone* were taken up. A letter from Polk Miller was read about giving an entertainment for the U. D. C., which will be considered later. Mrs. Chadwick was appointed to attend to necessary printing for the chapter. After close of business, Mrs. H. C. Menzies read a fine paper on Robert E. Lee, which is to be printed in the next issue of the town paper. Miss Annie Laurie Abernathy gave much pleasure by singing "Stonewall Jackson's Way," introducing Mrs. Chadwick's talk on Stonewall Jackson. Selected readings of much interest followed. We then adjourned to meet the third Monday in February.

EDWINA CHADWICK, Secretary *Pro Tem.*

VIRGINIA DIVISION UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY.

"WE WOULD be glad to have every Chapter help make our column interesting by sending in news items. These should be mailed to Miss N. C. Preston, Seven-Mile Ford, Va., not later than the 15th of the month to appear in the next issue."

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(113 Chapters—5,770 Members.)

DEAR Daughters in Virginia: I am hoping that among your New Year resolutions that one to send news items to me for *The Keystone* will not be forgotten, though not many have remembered during January. This beginning of the new year, 1910, has been pregnant with much of interest to our organization. Many plans have been laid and the work begun. Among these I may mention the idea for an Old Woman's Home. There is in our State, as you know, The Home for Needy Confederate Women, run by a most loyal and patriotic band of Richmond women, with aid gladly rendered them by individuals, chapters and camps, both within and beyond the borders of the commonwealth. This Home has in it now 27 deserving women, enjoying comfort and peace in their last days.

Now the Virginia Division wants to have something of its own, along somewhat these same lines, only on a broader basis, and with a larger scope, and the matter will be officially put before the chapters at no very distant date. It is a plan, a hope to cause every Virginia Daughter to look up with interest and enthusiasm, to lend a hand and heart as well, to make the Virginia Division more than it already is, a power for good.

ANOTHER MOVEMENT is suggested by a circular enclosed in the president's lastest official communication—a circular giving the particulars of an Essay Contest, arranged by the alumnae of our State Normal. This essay is to be on the life and work of Commodore Maury, the great American—indeed, the great cosmopolitan—for other nations of the world have given, and are ready to give, greater meed of praise than his own. The president asks that each Chapter agitate the matter in the town or locality near, looking to the good that will come of the study it will cause and the interest it will arouse, always with an eye to our Division project of several years standing, the Maury Movement in Hampton Roads, Mrs. Frank Anthony Walke, Chairman.

THE STAND the Virginia delegation took at the Houston Convention, relative to the Columbia Scholarship, it seems to me, demands a word, for many of us as yet do not know the true inwardness of it. Quoting from letter by the chairman of the delegation, printed in the *Times-Dispatch*, I will condense it to this: The scholarship was offered on the floor. The Virginia delegate tried to gain the floor to show that acceptance of such a scholarship would mean placing a Southern girl on an equality with negro students there, and under the instruction of professors avowedly in favor of miscegenation. It seems that all persons holding like views were failed to be recognized. The next day, however, Virginia secured a place in the minutes of the convention for her formal and public protest to the acceptance. Our delegate did all she could do under the enforced circumstances, and Virginia's official protest is a matter of record.

Query: Are there no schools in the South good enough for our girls—that they must needs go trailing to the "Anglo-Saxon-African-Polyglot" institutions of the North?

ANOTHER MOVEMENT in which the aid and interest of Virginia Daughters is asked by the agitators—the passing of a bill through our present legislature, looking to the securing for the young women in Virginia of a college where the work leads to the regular A. B., A. M., and even Ph. D. degree. Such a college, they urge, to be established coordinate, but not co-educational, with the University at Charlottesville, could be accomplished for comparatively little, and would be the definite and practical answer to query above.

It is my hope in our following issues to have each month an article from the chairmen of our various standing committees on the work they have in hand and as to what they are accomplishing, that you may know just how the work of the Division moves on and keep up an interest in each department, so that at convention you will not feel a stranger in a strange land.

JANUARY THE 19TH was celebrated by many of the chapters. Very few here thought to tell us about it, however. Bristol Chapter, not two years old, had a splendid occasion. Music by famous artists, excellent addresses, "Dixie" by the trained chorus from the High School, presentation of Crosses and a camp-fire, a most thoroughly enjoyable function.

Under the Library Lamp.

THE reading hour in every home may be made useful and cultural by a careful selection of current literature, and the magazines read in a home direct many of the opinions and views of that home.

BOOK REVIEWS.

The Delineator for February contains a tribute to education in an article by Miss S. L. Arnold, dean of Simmons College, on "What Fathers Desire for Their Daughters." Men of the business world see in college training a safeguard against future needs. Rudyard Kipling's "The Tree of Justice," and Mrs. Mary E. Wilkins Freeman's "The Fighting McLeans," make this a strong fiction number, while the fashion notes, "Can America Produce Its Own Opera Singers," by Campanini; "The Housewives' Club," "What's the Matter with the Churches?" and *The Delineator* Child Rescue Campaign, together with the Mother's Conference, make reading matter for all varieties of taste in the family.

The Journal of American History, a quarterly which represents the highest type of the printer's art, continues its standard in "The Fourth Number, Fourth Quarter, Third Volume, 1909." The publication celebrates the completion of its third year in this winter number, which is dedicated to American Loyalty. This volume contains a scholarly article on "America's Responsibility to the World" (Universal Peace), by Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler; General Washington's Order Book in the American Revolution, the original is now in the possession of Mrs. Ellen Fellows Bown, a great-granddaughter of a member of Washington's staff; The Evolution of the Mason-Dixon Line, a story of the origin of that famous boundary, by Morgan P. Robinson, of Richmond, Va.; Historic MSS. in America, with fac similes of these MSS., such as "Home, Sweet Home," by John Howard Payne, etc.; Ancestral Homesteads in America, by B. H. Allbee, with photographs of old Dutch homes, and "Experiences of a Louisiana Planter," an altruistic experiment with American negroes in the early fifties, by Eliza G. Rice, St. Mary's Parish, La. These magazines are all rich in valuable historical material from original sources, and as the years go on Americans will begin to appreciate the true value of the preservation of these early

American records in printed form. Subscription price, \$3 per year, 75 cents per copy. The *Journal of American History*, 165 Broadway, New York City.

The Outlook for February has an interesting editorial "Concerning Dixie," giving an explanation of the popularity of that song. The "White Coal of Switzerland," the second of five articles on Industrial Democracy in Europe, presents the Swiss democracy in a most favorable light, while an article on "The Old West in Pageant" describes most gracefully and appreciatively the historical pageant of Illinois recently presented on the campus of Northwestern University. Tribute is paid to music in an historical sketch of the famous Theodore Thomas Orchestra and the North Pole story is represented by an article on Commander Peary, written by George Kennan, with a full page picture of a portrait bust of Peary by William Ordway Partridge. He who reads *The Outlook* keeps in touch with world problems as well as happenings in American life today.

Hampton's Magazine for February presents as a cover the United States flag that Peary nailed to the North Pole. The opening article for this month is the beginning of Peary's own story of "The Discovery of the North Pole," with illustrations from photographs made by Commander Peary and members of the expedition. "Why the Panama Canal May be a Bad Business Venture," by Rear Admiral R. D. Evans; a clever article on "William the Sudden," by an English woman at the Prussian court, giving some interesting sidelights on the home life of the German Emperor and illustrated with attractive pictures of the imperial family, and some good short stories, up to date dramatic criticisms on "Plays and Players" make *Hampton's Magazine* for February a first-rate number.

The February number of the *Woman's Home Companion* has some striking features. Dr. William Osler, the famous physician, contributes a splendid article on tuberculosis, which is the first of an important editorial series. This number is in the main a love story number, leading off with the first part of "The House of Healing," by Juliet Wilbur Tompkins, a delightful serial story. Shorter fiction comes from the pens of Anne Warner, Zona Gale, Fannie Heaslip Lea, Owen Oliver and others. "China Painting for Beginners," by Elizabeth Mackenzie, and "Pulled Rugs," by Mabel Tuke Priestman, are both practical articles on two subjects of interest to women who like to have their own handiwork around the house.

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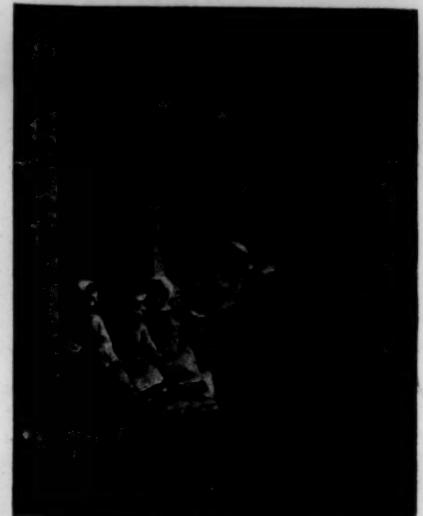
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